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The attached communication, dated 19 June 1997, is being circulated to members of UNCTAD at the request of the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom to the United Nations Office and other Intergovernmental Organizations in Geneva.

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19 June 1997

Sir,

I am instructed by Her Britannic Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs to refer to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (hereinafter referred to as "UNCTAD") established by United Nations General Assembly Resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964. The United Kingdom's membership of UNCTAD also includes Hong Kong.

I am also instructed to state that, having regard to the Joint Declaration of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the People's Republic of China on the question of Hong Kong, signed in Beijing on 19 December 1984, the United Kingdom will restore Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China with effect from 1 July 1997 and that the United Kingdom will continue to have international responsibility for Hong Kong until that date.

I should be grateful if the contents of this Note could be placed formally on record and brought to the attention of other member States of UNCTAD.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) R.M.J. Lyne
Ambassador and Permanent Representative